



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION 5
77 WEST JACKSON BOULEVARD
CHICAGO, IL 60604-3590

REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF.

December 14, 2011

SR-6J

**CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

Mr. Scott LaScala
Section Head Process
The Corporation Trust Company
1209 Orange Street
Wilmington, Delaware 19801

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Re: General Notice and Information Request for the Chemetco Superfund Site in Hartford,
Illinois

Dear Mr. LaScala:

Recently you received a General Notice Letter from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, dated November 30, 2011. The letter did not indicate the name of the entity for which the documents are intended; the enclosures did. We apologize for the inconvenience. The letter addressed to the intended entity and your firm as its agent is now enclosed. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michelle Kerr".

Michelle Kerr
Remedial Project Manager
Superfund Division

Enclosures (2) – CT Corporation Letters with Log Numbers
General Notice Letter Package



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December 06, 2011

Thomas Martin
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Case No.

Dear Sir/Madam:

The Corporation Trust Company received the enclosed Letter, Attachments.

Neither the document(s) nor the envelope indicates the name of the entity for which the document(s) is intended. Our company is agent for thousands of companies and cannot determine the party to which the document(s) is to be forwarded unless the document(s) is directed to a particular entity.

Accordingly, we are returning the document for further disposition.

Very truly yours,

Scott LaScala
Section Head Process

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Steven C. Corbett
President
Federated-Fry Metals, Inc.
6th Avenue and 41st Street
Altoona, Pennsylvania 16602

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CT Corporation
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Wilmington, Delaware 19801

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Dear Mr. LaScala:

Under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), commonly known as the federal "Superfund" law, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is responsible for responding to the release or threat of release of hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants into the environment – that is, for stopping further contamination from occurring and for cleaning up or otherwise addressing any contamination that has already occurred. EPA has documented that such a release has occurred at the Chemetco Site (Site) located in Hartford, Illinois. EPA has spent, or is considering spending, public funds to investigate and control releases of hazardous substances or potential releases of hazardous substances at the Site. Based on information presently available to EPA, EPA has determined that you may be responsible under CERCLA for cleanup of the Site or costs EPA has incurred in cleaning up the Site.

Explanation of Potential Liability

Under CERCLA, specifically Sections 106(a) and 107(a), potentially responsible parties (PRPs) may be required to perform cleanup actions to protect the public health, welfare, or the environment. PRPs may also be responsible for costs incurred by EPA in cleaning up the Site, unless the PRP can show divisibility or any of the other statutory defenses. PRPs include current and former owners and operators of a Site, as well as persons who arranged for treatment and/or disposal of any hazardous substances found at the site, and persons who accepted hazardous substances for transport and selected the site to which the hazardous substances were delivered.

EPA has gathered data, documents, and information from the Site. EPA has also received and reviewed responses to Illinois Environmental Protection Agency's 2008 Information Request, and responses to EPA's 2011 Information Request, which were sent to parties with connection to the Site. EPA is also attaching an Information Request to this Notice for parties that have yet to receive such a request, to complete its initial information gathering related to this Site. Based on the

information collected, EPA believes that you may be liable under Section 107(a) of CERCLA with respect to the Chemetco Site, as a/an (1) arranger, who by contract or agreement, arranged for the disposal, treatment, or transportation of hazardous substances at the Site; (2) transporter, who by contract or agreement, accepted hazardous substances for transportation and disposal at, and selected the Site; or (3) current or previous owner and/or operator of the Site. Specifically, EPA has reason to believe that your company contributed or transported materials containing lead, non-recyclable materials, or recyclable materials that fail to meet the criteria necessary for an exemption under the Superfund Recycling Equity Act (SREA) of 1999, Section 127 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9627, or other materials to the Site, and/or arranged for the disposal, treatment, or transportation of such materials to the Site.

To date, EPA and the State of Illinois have taken response actions at the Site under the authority of the Superfund Program. Below is a brief description of the actions taken at the Site.

- A Preliminary Assessment and Site Investigation in order to gain a basic understanding of any risks posed to human health and/or the environment by releases or threatened releases from the Site.
- An Expanded Site Inspection to further characterize any risks posed to human health and/or the environment by releases or threatened releases from the Site, and to support scoring the Site with EPA's Hazard Ranking System for proposal to the National Priorities List.
- An enforcement investigation to identify PRPs at the Site.
- Scoping the Remedial Investigation to identify the Site characteristics and to begin to define the nature and extent of soil, air, surface water, and groundwater contamination at the Site and the (immediate) risks posed by the Site.

De Minimis Settlements

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Individuals or businesses resolving their Superfund liability as *de minimis* parties are not typically required to perform site cleanup. Instead, EPA requires *de minimis* settlers to pay their fair share of cleanup costs incurred, plus a "premium" that accounts for, among other things, uncertainties associated with the costs of work to be performed in the future. In return, *de minimis* settlers receive: (1) a covenant not to sue, which is a promise that EPA will not bring any future legal action against the settling party for the specific matters addressed in the settlement; and (2) protection from contribution claims, which provides a settling party with protection from being sued in a contribution action by other responsible parties for the specific matters addressed in the settlement. (The matters addressed in a *de minimis* settlement are typically all cleanup actions and all cleanup costs at the particular site.) Participation in a *de*

2. To the extent information is available, a list of the weight and type of substances contributed by each PRP to the Site from approximately 2000-2001. This is an initial list and subject to change based upon new information.
3. A fact sheet that describes the Site.

EPA invites you to participate in formal negotiations with EPA to reach settlement providing for the PRPs to conduct or finance the response activities required at the Site. EPA will also hold an initial informational meeting on December 20, 2011 to facilitate communication among all parties. Indicate your interest in attending to Michelle Kerr at 312-886-8961 or via email at kerr.michelle@epa.gov.

EPA also will establish an Administrative Record that contains documents that serve as the basis for EPA's selection of a cleanup action for the Site. The Administrative Record will be located at the Hartford Public Library, 143 West Hawthorne Street, Hartford, Illinois, 62048 (M-Th 12 pm-6pm; F, Sa 12 pm-4 pm) and will be available to you and the public for inspection and comment. The Administrative Record will also be available for inspection and comment at the Superfund Records Center, EPA Region 5, 77 W. Jackson Blvd., Chicago, Illinois 60604 (M-F, 8 am-4 pm).

Resources and Information for Small Businesses

As you may be aware, on January 11, 2002, President Bush signed into law the Superfund Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. This Act contains several exemptions and defenses to CERCLA liability, which we suggest that all parties evaluate. You may obtain a copy of the law via the Internet at <http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/laws/index.htm> and review EPA guidance regarding these exemptions at <http://www.epa.gov/compliance/resources/policies/index.html>.

In addition, if you are a "service station dealer" who accepts used oil for recycling, you may qualify for an exemption from liability under Section 114(c) of CERCLA. EPA guidance regarding this exemption can be found on the Internet at <http://www.epa.gov/compliance/cleanup/superfund/defenses.html>. If you believe you may qualify for the exemption, please contact Margaret Herring, at 312-886-6239 or via email at herring.margaret@epa.gov to request an application/information request specifically designed for service station dealers.

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